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Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached please find an Amendment/Response for Docket No. 200312792-1, Application No. 10/769,385.

Thank you. We await your confirmation of receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

The present remarks are in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 9, 2007, where the Examiner rejected claims 1-22. Please reconsider the present application with the accompanying responsive remarks.